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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 6603.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6603) to pension the minor children of Patrick F. Reynolds, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

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HOUSE REPORT.

The soldier enlisted December 10, 1863, and was honorably discharged August 2, 1865. He died September 5, 1895, leaving a widow, to whom he was married November 6, 1892, and three minor children by a former marriage. The widow makes no claim under the general pension laws, because soldier's death was not due to causes arising in the service, and none under act of June 27, 1890, because she was married to the soldier subsequently to the passage of that act. She was appointed guardian of the children, and as guardian filed a claim for pension for them under act of June 27, 1890, but the claim was rejected on the ground that the minors had no title since the soldier left a widow, who is still living.

The case is just this: The minor children of the soldier, who were intended to be pensioned by the act of June 27, 1890, are barred by the living widow, who has no title under said act.

The committee believe this to be most clearly a case calling for special action to remove the technical bar which defeats the purpose of the law, and recommend the passage of the bill.